

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the office of independent  
ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 261.101, Human Resources Code, is  
amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
the powers of the office include:

(1) the inspection of:

(A) a facility operated by the department under  
Subtitle C;

(B) a post-adjudication secure correctional  
facility under Section 51.125, Family Code;

(C) a nonsecure correctional facility under  
Section 51.126, Family Code; and

(D) any other residential facility in which a  
child adjudicated as having engaged in conduct indicating a need  
for supervision or delinquent conduct is placed by court order; and

(2) the investigation of complaints alleging a  
violation of the rights of the children committed to or placed in a  
facility described by this subsection.

SECTION 2. The following provisions of the Human Resources  
Code are repealed:

(1) Section 261.101(e), as added by Section 11(b),

1 Chapter 854 (S.B. 1149), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular  
2 Session, 2015; and

3 (2) Section 261.101(e), as amended by Chapter 962  
4 (S.B. 1630), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1702 passed the Senate on  
April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1702 passed the House on  
May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 27, three  
present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor